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ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a viscoelastic support structure having improved energy absorption properties. The support structure generally comprises a frame, at least one resilient filler layer, a flexible covering, and at least one gel insert interposed between the covering and the frame. The support structure finds particular use in vehicles, such as bicycles and motorcycles.